



# Underground Storage Tanks And Brownfields Sites

## METLAKATLA INDIAN COMMUNITY/Annette Island Reserve

EPA's USTfields Initiative funds states and tribes to conduct pilot projects in brownfields communities to assess and clean up petroleum contamination from federally-regulated underground storage tanks (USTs) at idle or abandoned commercial properties. Petroleum contamination has generally been excluded from funding under the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (CERCLA) and has not, therefore, been covered under EPA's Brownfields Program. In 2002, EPA's Office of Underground Storage Tanks (OUST) competitively selected 40 state and tribal USTfields Pilots. In each pilot, the state will work with a local community or the tribe will work with its EPA Region to address identified sites. Each pilot is awarded up to \$100,000 of Leaking Underground Storage Tank (LUST) Trust funds to assess and clean up petroleum-contaminated sites; as a result, the sites will be ready for future reuse.

### BACKGROUND

The Metlakatla Indian Community is the only Federal Indian Reservation in Alaska. The reservation is located on the Annette Island Reserve. In 1997 the Metlakatla Indian Community received a grant from EPA for an Integrated Waste Management Pilot Project to complete tribal codes and ordinances for the management of underground storage tanks and an inventory of tanks located in the community. The Metlakatla Community has been designated by HUD as an Enterprise Community and was selected as a Brownfields Showcase Community in 2000 to facilitate environmental cleanup and economic expansion at three priority Brownfields sites.

### OBJECTIVES

Using USTfields Pilot funds, the Metlakatla Community will build on the foundation developed through work performed under the 1997 EPA grant. The USTfields Pilot funding will address multiple properties with tanks in sensitive environments. Several of these sites are near residential areas and may have MTBE contamination. One of the proposed properties is in an ideal location for a tourism-based enterprise.



**Applicant Name:** Metlakatla Indian Community

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**Profile:** The Metlakatla Indian Community will build on the foundation developed through work performed under the 1997 Integrated Waste Management Pilot Project and address multiple properties with tanks that are in prime locations for reuse.

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